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**NEDERLANDER CONCERTS OPENS**  
**MARICOPA COUNTY EVENTS CENTER WITH**  
**POPULAR MUSIC VOCALIST**  
**JOHNNY MATHIS**

Nederlander Concerts will host its grand-opening event at the Maricopa County Events Center (formerly known as the Sundome) on Saturday, March 25 with one of the most popular traditional male pop vocalists in history, **Johnny Mathis**.

Johnny Mathis will perform classics with a full orchestra from his timeless repertoire, such as "It's Not For Me To Say," "Chances Are," "Misty" and "Twelfth Of Never," among many others.

2006 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Mathis as well as a Grammy nomination in the "Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album," category for his latest release on Columbia Records - Isn't It Romantic: The Standards Album. This marks his third nomination, in addition to the Lifetime Achievement Grammy he won in 2003.

Isn't It Romantic: The Standards Album, features Mathis' intimate vocal mastery on 10 classic compositions written by some of the greatest songwriters of all time. Each song was hand-picked by Mathis himself from his personal record collection, combining a freshness of style and approach with his inimitable warmth and reassuring familiarity. Songs on Isn't It Romantic: The Standards Album include Roger's and Hart's "Isn't It Romantic," George & Ira Gershwin's "Love Is Here To Stay," Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Dindi," Lerner & Lowe's "Almost Like Being In Love," and Harold Arlen's immortal "Over The Rainbow," performed here by Johnny Mathis and Ray Charles (the duet also appears on Charles' Grammy-nominated Genius Loves Company album). On his new album, Mathis also delivers a tender performance of pop songwriter Paul Williams' children's classic, "The Rainbow Connection," originally written for The Muppets.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 at 7:30 PM**

**MARICOPA COUNTY**

**EVENTS CENTER**

***Formerly known as the Sundome***

**TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 at 10:00 AM**

Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets including Tower Records, Warehouse Music, Robinsons-May and Fry's Marketplace. To charge by phone, call (480) 784-4444 or (520) 321-1000.

Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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